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As to working conditions in the missions, the Indians, he tells us, "were required to put in only six hours of work in winter and seven hours in summer, and this long before the eight-hour day was heard of or even thought of." The friars in this arrangement took into consideration the well known aversion of the Indians to any kind of work.

Enough has been quoted from the work of Markham. Out in California the memory of Serra and his followers is today held in the esteem which it deserves, long after the avaricious Mexican Government has despoiled the missions, and selling up the goods which the friars had gathered in these places for the Indian's welfare. The anniversary of Serra's burial is a legal holiday in the State of California, and his bronze statue of the Father of the State stands in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, while Mrs. S. J. McLaughlin, non-Catholic, had a statue of the saint erected to him in the city of